

## Special Edition

The special Winona edition of the EVANGELIST will be issued the first week in August, and will contain the complete program of the Conference, including young people's program and that of the S. S. C. E. Extra copies of this edition will be printed for the Executive Committee and also for general distribution.

## The Church and Social Regeneration

The Rev. Charles H. Payne contributes an article to the Homiletic Review for July on the duty of the church to society, and while he does not admit that the present social evils are the product of the Christian religion, he does hold the church responsible for them until she has done what she can do and what the Master has given her power to do in the way of correcting these evils. We quote from him as follows:

It is time for the Church to give larger emphasis to her social mission, because she must accept in large measure responsibility for the evils of society. What if her millions of members and her billions of wealth were all used to make society thoroughly Christian? I make no reckless claim when I say that the Church by the use of proper methods and by unifying her forces *can* Christianize society. Intelligent, conscientious cooperation to make society Christian would put righteousness into every form of social and business and governmental life in a brief period of time. I do not admit for a moment that these acknowledged but hated evils are in any sense the legitimate products of our Christian religion. Yet, I do say, that in a true sense the Church is responsible for them, until she has put forth her utmost endeavor and has used the maximum of her power to regenerate and Christianize society.

And the hour has come when the Church must undertake this stupendous but glorious task of giving to the world a genuine type of Christian civilization. The pulpit must preach a social as well as a personal Gospel. What would happen if the more than one hundred thousand pulpits were to ring out with clarion sound a holy Christian crusade against all the wrongs and evils that now curse our so-called Christian land? Every pulpit should be a battery turning its Gatling guns on every curse and wrong of society, and every Christian church should be a citadel to which the oppressed may flee for safety. The Church must furnish wise leadership to the misguided men that are groping in the dark. She must apply Christian remedies and lift up Christian standards to lead society up to purer and loftier heights.

First come to an understanding of the place the word of God should occupy in your life. As an aid to this knowledge, spend two or three weeks in daily study of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Psalm.

We must speak with God before we can speak for God.

## Personal Mention

Brother Copp reports two accessions at West Alexandria, at which point he preaches every two weeks.

We are pleased to learn that brother H. M. Lichty has concluded to be at the Conference at Winona Park.

Sister Clara Miller, wife of Brother Miller, is confined to her bed with rheumatism. May she speedily recover.

Brother Furry reports church work moving along pleasantly. They are preparing to entertain the State conference this fall. It will be well done we are quite sure.

Another young man has pledged himself to take up the cross in Brother Bauman's congregation, Roann. He says he is trying to keep things warmer than the weather.

Brother M. C. Myers writes for sample copies of the EVANGELIST for distribution among his people. He says he will make an effort to get the paper into every family.

In renewing his subscription Brother Grubb says he would not do without the paper if it were to cost \$5.00 instead of \$1.50. We appreciate his kind words of encouragement.

Brother Yoder is busy with the other members of the Executive Committee getting the program for the National Conference ready for the special edition of the EVANGELIST the first week in August.

Brother J. A. Miller left on Saturday for Louisville where he preached Sabbath morning and evening, returning on Monday. If you desire any information touching the College, write him at Ashland.

Thursday evening, July 14, it was our privilege to officiate at the marriage of sister Bertha Myers, daughter of Henry Myers, to brother D. W. Gans, late graduate of the Medical School in Cleveland. They have located at Massillon, this state. Particulars next week.

Last week we said, "Brother Rensch will be admitted to the faculty as soon as the work demands it," when we should have said, "He will be *added*." The former leaves the impression that he sought the place, and for that reason we make the correction. The Board seeks *him*.

A private letter from sister Ida Myers, Nevada, Mo., giving expression of her appreciation of the EVANGELIST, is acknowledged with thanks. The comments on the Sunday-school lessons are especially helpful to her, so also was the paper on "How to Keep Children Young."

Brother L. S. Bauman writes that the more manuscript we throw in the waste basket for him the harder he will try to write something better. That kind of vim will succeed anywhere. Would that we had the same liberty with contributions far less worthy than Brother Bauman's.

Brother J. O. Talley reports three accessions at Millidgeville, and church and Sunday-schools work moving forward. The Sunday-school has recently adopted and put into operation the Royal Army plan, of class register, credits and awards, with the Bible drills, the latter of which he reports as very interesting and instructive.

## Notes and Comments

**A Sunny Religion.**—The Rev. Theodore Cuyler, who never writes anything that is not worth reading, never wrote truer words than these:

Ours is a sunny religion, born of divine love; and one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is joy. A joyless Christian is a libel on his profession. We ought to walk so close to Jesus as to be always in his sunshine, and make so little of earthly ills and vexations and losses as never to let them envelop us in an atmos-

phere of Arctic midnight. Paul made a dungeon ring with holy melodies. Every follower of Christ should strive to make his daily life a song as well as a gospel sermon. Cultivate more of that spirit which rejoices in the Lord always. Take care of your digestion; look after your bodily health; live on the sunny side of God's providences; take large draughts of the promises; and give full play to your affections. Holiness means health; and a healthy Christian should never be less than a happy one.

**"Times Are Hard."**—The Christian Standard reports the following as the experience of one who has been for years a collector for religious purposes: I never saw anything else than hard times when money was wanted for benevolent purposes. Why not be right down candid and say, "My heart is hard?"

**For the Master's Use.**—The Lord can not use one who is not completely emptied of self. Until self is out of the heart there is no room for the in-filling Christ and the Holy Spirit. But when self is gone and the heart is filled with the living, personal Christ, he can make of us a mighty power for good.

**A New Term.**—It is reported that at a prayer-meeting in England not long ago a good old man in humble life prayed, "O Lord, may we not only be justified and sanctified, but may we be missionarified as well." That is a very important item in the program indeed. We wonder if it were not well to have some missionarified members in the Brethren church. Then would Washington get a church house, and Chicago would be supported, and Dayton would not be left an "arid" region. Let us pray for missionarified Christians.

**A Great Speech.**—John G. Woolley reduced a great speech into a few words when he said, "The church preaches, without ceasing and without reserve, that the saloon ought to die the death of a pirate, and a murderer taken red-handed. But the law gives it license; the leaders do its bidding; candidates court it; statesmanship ignores it; the voting church sanctions it, and the man who insists upon its death is deemed a terror to his church and a traitor to his party, or else a motley fool. The case is made out: The saloon is a "wonderful thing."

**The Kingdom Nigh.**—Dr. Washington Glad-den, with whose theology we can not always agree, nevertheless uttered true words when he said, "Too long have we been willing to put that kingdom which Christ came to found away beyond the stars; to interpret all his glowing words about it as the description of some visionary state which has no relation to this world. That was not the purpose of his mission; that is not the meaning of his gospel. In his prayer there is no intimation of a wish that we may go to heaven; it is a prayer whose sole burden is that heaven may be brought to earth."

**Always Young.**—In Jesus Christ there is no old age. Immortal youth is found beneath the cross of Jesus, and they who seek shelter under that tree of life shall never experience the decrepitude of old age. Dr. Guthrie says: "They say I am growing old, because my hair is silvered, and there are crow's feet on my forehead, and my step is not so firm and elastic as before. But they are mistaken. That is not me. The knees are weak, but the knees are not me. The brow is wrinkled, but the brow is not me. This is the house I live in. But I am young, younger than I ever was before."

If we would learn patience, there is no school but experiences that require us to exercise patience.